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New landfill siting report available online

LĪHU'E – County officials today announced that the New Kaua'i Landfill Siting Report is now available on the county website, www.kauai.gov/newlandfillsite.

The report provides an update on all previous site selection data amassed over the last 12 years and performs additional analyses to enable the county to choose a proposed location for the new landfill.

The study was prepared for the county by AECOM Technical Services, Inc. with assistance from RM Towill Corporation.

In the report, the consultant points out that the Ma'alo site would offer a near-permanent solution to the county's waste disposal challenges as the estimated 264-year lifespan of this site could be extended even further with the operation of a resource recovery park.

Additionally the report notes that the Ma'alo site is the only one that currently has a willing landowner, is the most economical among all the sites under consideration, and is centrally located.

Other topics included in the study are the following:

- State landfill criteria evaluation
- Preliminary engineering evaluation
- Planning level cost estimates

- Community criteria evaluation
- Other important decision factors
- Overall site comparison and recommendation

Developing a new landfill site and a resource recovery park is one of 38 projects that are included in Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.'s Holo Holo 2020 vision for Kaua'i.

The vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.

Anyone with questions about the landfill siting report can call the Solid Waste Division at 241-4837.



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